

June 1954

# Fellowship



KIRBY PAGE

*Retreat Leader*

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**Catholic Church Rethinks War** *by M. Harrington*

**ff** Two of this month's articles are concerned with our Catholic brethren. One covers the contribution of the Catholic Worker movement, an important progressive wing of the Roman Church, which, fortunately for us, has its radiating center in lower Manhattan. Our staff artist visited 223 Chrystie Street to catch the spirit of the place with the far side of his sketching pen. . . . Many of us ignorant of the discussion going on within the Church on the morality of war and the problems presented to adherents of the "just war" doctrine by the production and use of mass obliteration weapons will be grateful to Michael Harrington for his informative *The Catholic Church Rethinks War*. . . . *Peace News'* Tom Wardle lives up to his promise to write periodically for us with a brief review of the Welsh Nationalist party, *Plaid Cymru*. . . . While Hugenholtz of Holland, one of that country's outstanding pacifists, writes of his wartime testing of faith. . . . As our meditative piece we have *Power Houses*, the conclusions of Kirby Page on the possibilities for strengthening fellowship and sharpening religious awareness through prayer retreats.

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*Strength for These Days—*

# POWER HOUSES

by Kirby Page

**I**N SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA extensive use is being made of all-day prayer retreats as sources of spiritual illumination and power. The results are so satisfying that I am now devoting most of my time to extended conversations with groups of twenty to forty people, assembled for serious consideration of the responsibility of being a Christian in such a day as this, and in unhurried prayer.

As a basis of our exploration, we are using these fourteen ways of finding and doing the will of God in our time:

1. Reflect upon the character of God.
2. Saturate your mind with great passages from the Bible, especially with the doings of Jesus.
3. Enjoy constant comradeship with our living Lord.
4. Expect guidance from the Holy Spirit.
5. Receive forgiveness and power in partaking of Holy Communion.
6. Be persistent in private prayer, family prayer, group prayer, and corporate worship in the sanctuary.
7. Experience human fellowship on the highest level.
8. Mellow your spirit by con-

stant exposure to the power of silence, to great music, and to the beauty of nature.

9. Read great books and study the experiences of the noblest men and women of the race.

10. Seek understanding of the breadth and depth of the will of God in all phases of life, especially in the areas of special conflict.

11. Run the risks of doing what is right in God's sight, rather than take the consequences of doing what we know to be wrong.

12. Proceed with confidence in God, and joyously leave the results in his loving hands.

13. Experience eternal life in the midst of time.

14. Value every hour as of priceless worth, and make wise use of time.

The division of time used follows these patterns: 10 A.M., begin with a long-playing record of great music; prayer and conversation until 12 noon; recess and fellowship until 12:30; luncheon in silence except for great music until 1:30; session until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; (some groups adjourn at 4:00); session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great



music until 7:00; session until 9:00 adjournment.

An alternate division of time is: 2:00 P.M., begin with recording of great music; prayer and conversation until 3:30; tea and fellowship until 4:00; session until 5:30; recess and fellowship until 6:00; supper in silence except for great music until 7:00; session until 9:00 adjournment.

Some groups meet for an all-day retreat on Saturday, some on Saturday afternoon and evening; some on Sunday afternoon and evening; some women's groups meet for an all-day session on weekdays, with husbands coming for supper and evening session. Sometimes it is better to meet in a home with a large living-room and opportunity for quietness.

In every case several individuals

of breadth of experience and depth of spiritual insight participate in the general conversation about the deeper issues of life. The discussion ranges from the will of God in personal relations to the will of God in economics and world affairs.

Here is a procedure which may be used, with little promotion and little expense, by a pastor or ministerial association or a Fellowship group, with deep and enduring results. Experience shows that twenty to forty people in a circle can engage in intimate discussion and fervent prayer over a period of five to seven hours. Fellowship in prayer and discussion and action is the breath of spiritual life in any church where "two or three" spend time together in seeking to find the will of God and power to do it.

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## *The Dreadful Game*

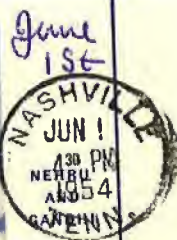
The titanic struggle for military superiority now being waged between nations is on the assumption that material, not moral, force will determine the destinies of people.

No nation is more force-minded today than our own. The people are burdened and unhappy under it, but they do not know how to withdraw because the stakes seem to be so high that the dreadful game must be played on to fortune or ruin.

And within each nation the internal struggle for power between classes, creeds, races and ideologies tends to take on the same uncompromising character.

Robert H. Jackson  
Supreme Court Justice,  
in a speech, Nov. 3, 1953





Am taking your little  
pamphlet "How to Pray" to  
a First graduate in the  
Hospital today. He is a  
jubilee singer but only  
has a 15% chance to live  
thru a kidney infection.  
Thank you for all your good  
works and may God ever  
bless your efforts. Jerome Davis

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903 West 35 Street  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.  
June 1, 1954

Dear Friend,

July 10

Thank you very much for your immediate reply. I conferred with Friends at Meeting last Sunday, and they seemed to prefer July 10 over July 31. We shall probably be with you from 10 to 4 on July 10. In case it turns out that someone has to work on Saturday morning, we might want to change the time to the afternoon and evening; but that is unlikely. We'll be 10-20 people.

Do you suggest any special topic and preparatory reading? I shall find out if the Committee on Ministry and Oversight has a topic in mind, and I shall let you know. It will probably be all right for us to bring a pot-luck lunch along.

Sincerely,

Leonora Cayard

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June 1, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

You know how deeply interested I am in the spiritual exploration you describe in your recent letter. I am sorry not to be able to attend the meeting today. I do not go anywhere before 11:00 o'clock. With my dull mind, it takes me all morning of each morning of the week to prepare my Sunday sermons.

I hope to join you at a later date.

Cordially,

*Morgan*

K. Morgan Edwards

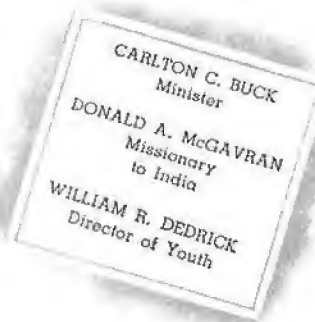
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June 1, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Kirby:

Thank you for sending information concerning your prayer retreats.

We are thinking of a one day retreat for some of the ministers here in Fullerton, and another for a few of the folk in our own church who are interested in exploring more effective prayer methods.

A little later, I will get in touch with you about a definite date.

Yours cordially,

Carlton C. Buck

CCB:bls

*Rom. 12:1-2*



June 1, 1954.

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

Thanks for your frank letter of the 27th. In the light of what you have written, my judgment is that you had put my manuscript in the safe and wait for developments before you reach a final decision.

I have been slowed down in working on my autobiography by my concentration for several weeks upon a new proposal which is outlined in the enclosure. This seems to me to have such great possibilities that I am devoting most of my time to it these days. I still hope to complete the autobiography by the end of the year, but this is by no means certain.

I am grateful for the thoroughness with which you have considered the biography.

Cordially,

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Mr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
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Dear Mr. Page:

One of our Secretaries, Manly Johnson, tells me of a plan you have whereby groups can come to your home for discussion. He also tells me that you are now available to meet with groups on weekend retreats in this area.

We have been trying to develop interest in retreats among our Branches, and would appreciate any information you might give us about your availability, subject matter, etc.

Sincerely yours,

  
Don Hayward

DH:d

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June 2, 1954

To Ministers Who Are Planning to  
Participate in the Spiritual Exploration:

The suggestion has been made that we, in five groups, meet for a day of fellowship in prayer and conversation about ways of making the Exploration more effective, and that we bring a lay leader for this experience.

Therefore my wife and I invite you to come to our beautiful hilltop for one of these days:

Friday, July 23

Friday, July 30

Friday, August 6

Friday, August 13

Friday, September 10

Come at 10 A.M. and stay until nine o'clock in the evening, for a glorious period of comradeship. A simple lunch and supper will be served.

If you would like to bring ten to thirty of your members to our home for a Prayer Retreat, from 10 to 4, or from 2 to 9, let me know and we will find a mutually convenient date.

Prayerfully and expectantly,

Kirby Page

Box 247 La Habra - Telephone OXford 76044

Please tear off and mail

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Yes, I plan to come for the day of fellowship on \_\_\_\_\_

and plan to bring a layman with me - Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_, and also another

minister who is planning to take part in the Spiritual Exploration - Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_ his name and address\_\_\_\_\_

Name

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June 2, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

In reply to your note of May 29, Dr. Weir has asked me to send you the names and addresses requested. The Arizona Council of Churches is at present without an executive; the Rev. Frank Durand has resigned, and this council is in the process of making a change.

✓ The president of the United Church Women of Southern California is: Mrs. Lyman T. Crossman, 421 West Roses Road, San Gabriel, California.

The contact persons for the local councils of churches in southern California are as follows:

Dr. A. Donald Minton, Executive Secretary  
Glendale Council of Churches  
114 West Broadway, Glendale 4, California

✓ Rev. Oscar W. Sedam  
748 "E" Street, San Bernardino, California  
(Mr. Sedam is Executive Secretary for the following two councils: Greater San Bernardino Council of Churches; Redlands Council of Churches.)

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Mr. Kirby Page  
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Rev. Paul E. Babbitt  
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3901 Lomaland Drive, San Diego 6, California

Col. Raymond C. Baird, President  
Santa Monica Council of Churches  
522 - 25th Street  
Santa Monica, California

I trust this information will be helpful to  
you.

Most sincerely yours,

*Wilma F. Casner*

(Mrs.) Wilma F. Casner  
Secretary to Dr. Weir

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# First Methodist Church

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Box 247  
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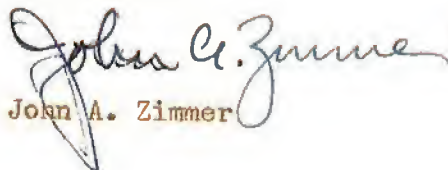
Dear Dr. Page:

I'm writing on behalf of the Methodist Ministers of Arizona to see if it would be possible for you to speak at our District Retreat, August 23rd to 25th?

The Retreat will be held at our camp in the Chiricahua Mountains southeast of Tucson. We would like you to be prepared to give four addresses; two on Tuesday the 24th and two on Wednesday the 25th. In light of the suggested topics of "Spiritual Exploration" for many of our ministers, we wondered if you could have something along that line.

There is an honorarium of \$50.00 plus expenses. If you could be with us we would make further arrangements as to the details. I would appreciate your early reply.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Zimmer

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA June 3 1954.

1111 East Pierce Street,  
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The Rev. Dr. Page,  
La Habra, Cal.

Dear Dr. Page:

I received the articles also the book for children. The latter I shall need for several weeks if that is convenient to you. It shall have all care and be duly returned to you.

Many thanks. I do appreciate this kindness.

Cordially.

C. Carson Bransby - Chaplain, Christian Home.

# The Methodist Church of San Luis Obispo

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PACIFIC AND MORRO STREETS

June 3, 1954

Reverend Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Our ministerial group here in San Luis Obispo has not met for the past two months. The fellows are taking early vacations this year. I am handicapped with the prospect of a move to another church. This is not generally known here, although it is anticipated as a possibility. I have been unable to get the men together and have been unable to do much promoting of the spiritual exploration which you proposed. It is certainly timely and I am in full accord with the aims and methods.

You should know that wherever I go, I am going to mobilize my church behind this effort in so far as time and the situation permits.

Cordially yours,



Gilbert S. Zimmerman

GSZ/vb



# Broadway Methodist Church

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Archie Matson, Pastor  
911 E. Broadway  
Glendale 5, California

June 3, 1954.

Dear Kirby:

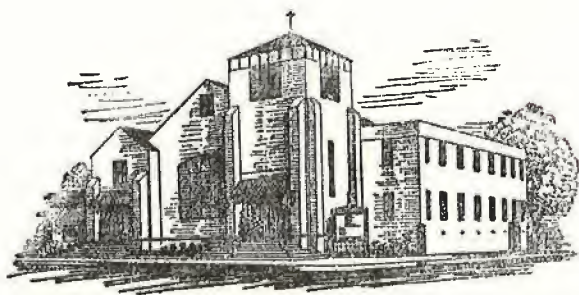
I was sorry to miss the meeting at First Church Glendale last Tuesday, but could not forego an opportunity to see my three young grandsons up near Guadalupe, and so did not get back in time. (Incidentally, my daughter-in-law spoke very appreciatively of hearing you recently)-at Santa Maria)

It seems to me that the proposal you made has great possibilities--if the interpretation given me is correct. Yet I have a feeling that in our prayer retreats, under whatever name we call them, need more direction and discipline that is sometimes given. Twice recently I have conducted such retreats for our Board of Evangelism, one each for preachers and laymen, experimenting with a Protestant adaptation of the Spiritual Direction of Ignatius Loyola. I would like to see other experiments along this line, feeling that the Holy Spirit is sometimes dissipated away in ~~many~~ of our non-directive retreats.

Some time, when I have to be over in Puente, I would like to have a chat with you.

Very sincerely,

  
Archie Matson



REV. ALBERT W. PALMER  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS, CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
RESIDENCE 1587 MORADA PLACE  
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ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1954

Dear Kirby, Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of May 22<sup>nd</sup> - due to illness.

I think your Spiritual Exploration idea is a real inspiration and I hope many of our Congregational ministers will want to join you in it.

I greatly regret that, beyond growing the general ideal my blessing, there is little I can do. Due to a heart condition, I have to live a very limited sort of life these days - I attend practically no meetings except church on Sunday mornings and haven't preached for over three years. (you see what a snarl the country is in consequences!) I celebrated my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday last week + Mrs. Palmer have our Golden Wedding next week!

Wishing you all success in your grand idea,  
Fraternally yours,  
Albert W. Palmer ✓



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M. M. CALDWELL JR., MINISTER

728 De La Fuente  
Monterey Park, Calif.  
June 3, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page:

Enclosed please find my personal check for six dollars and forty cents to cover the following:

2	Dinners	\$ 1.00
1/2	How to Pray	4.00
1/2	Blessed are the Meek	1.00
Total		<u>\$ 6.40</u>

We will leave Wednesday for our International Convention in Anderson, Indiana, and plan to be at our new address in Mexico on July 1.

Our prayer retreats with you helped us to sharpen issues we had discussed before, but had never clearly defined.

Sincerely,  
Maurice Caldwell

# Trinity Methodist Church

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*Bob Shuler, Jr.*  
MINISTER

June 4, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Brother Page:

I feel honored to have been included on your mailing list of the Spiritual Exploration idea. Although we have never met, I attended Whittier College when your boy was also a student there and did know him.

You state that the name signed to the bottom half of the last page of your letter is to be used in a printed folder. For that reason I am not signing and returning the application because I do not want my name used in its behalf in the folder until I feel I know more about it. However, I would appreciate, Brother Page, exploring the idea since I am vitally interested in finding a common ground with my brethren in the ministry and would like to have opportunity to meet with you and see for myself.

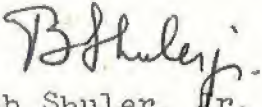
I am wondering if our approach to the will of God would not be so dissimilar that the book now being written would be of very little use in the church of which I am now pastor, namely Trinity Methodist. Although I myself could profit greatly I am sure from the thinking of such a company as you have listed. I am of the opinion that it would be so radically different an approach and terminology and all the rest that the little book being especially written would have very little use to my people. However, we can certainly look into the matter and see what might be ~~use~~ usable.

Thank you again and if you would allow my attendance as an observer I shall try to be at the First Baptist Church on June 8th at the appointed time. If you feel this impractical all you need

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do is drop me a note and I'll refrain.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bob Shuler, Jr.

BSJ/mb



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JUNE 4, 1954



Charles W. Severns, Minister

KIRBY PAGE  
P. O. Box 247  
LA HABRA, CALIF.

RE: SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

DEAR KIRBY,

AGAIN I MUST CONFESS REGRETS AT NOT BEING  
ABLE TO BE AT ONE OF YOUR MEETINGS. MRS. SEVERNS  
AND I WERE AWAY, BUT MISS SCHMID DID ATTEND THE  
MEETING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IN SAN DIEGO AND  
HAS GIVEN SOME REPORT ABOUT IT.

I AM INTERESTED IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR  
SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION AND HOPE THAT WE MAY INCLUDE  
THIS IN OUR PROGRAM OF THE FALL. I HOPE TO BE IN  
TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT IT LATER. ✓

SINCERELY,

CHARLES W. SEVERNS

CWS:ws

6-5-54

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for sending me word about the meeting here last Friday - I had counted on being with you all - but something unexpected came up that prevented. Please keep me in touch with what you are doing - I am deeply interested - I'm glad Bob Vogel is on your committee - He tells me you will be at 10 better full time - Fine - We will see you both then -

Best wishes  
Olivia

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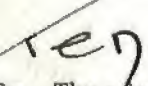
Dear Dr. Page:

Of course, count me in on this Spiritual Exploration as  
I received in the mail today.

Sorry I am going to be away during the summer on a trip  
to Europe, but will want to hear more about it all when  
I return in September.

Thank God for all the good things you do for us.

Sincerely

  
Dr. Theodore Henry Palmquist  
Minister

THP:MJP

**The Claremont Church**

233 WEST FIFTH STREET  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

PASTOR'S STUDY

June 5, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

I was very much interested in your proposal for spiritual exploration and I am very happy to have my name added to the list of those who commend it.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours

  
Harold G. Jones

# *Bay Shore Community Congregational Church*

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LONG BEACH 3, CALIFORNIA

From the Minister's Study

June 7, 1954

Doctor Kirby Page  
La Habra  
California

Dear Kirby:

I have received outlines and chapters of the forthcoming book, which I've read with a good deal of interest and heartily concur in. However, I regret to state that the inevitable has happened, or is about to happen, and I have been warned by the doctor to take off immediately and to stop all activity.

I have been going for practically nineteen years, with seven years of no vacation at all. This, of course, is foolish, I know it, but somehow I have been caught, and do not know what to do. Therefore, I am faced with a ~~an~~ impending health problem, which the doctor tells me could very easily result in a coronary if I don't stop at once and rest. I asked him if I could go ahead working with you and the other ministers on this program, and he said, "No; no mental work, thinking, planning, writing, or administrating of any kind, so that you will be able to resume your work in October." He wants me to get away from here as soon as possible and rest. I have been elected as a delegate to the General Council Meeting in New Haven, and he is not sure yet whether I should even go to that, but he thinks it might be good because it does get me away from here. I've also been asked to be a guest of the U. N. for five days, from July 2 to July 7, which, I hope, I'll be able to do if I get back there.

In view of all this, I find it necessary to heed the doctor's advice, and to refrain from any further work, other than the minimum amount necessary to keep things going here, and to spend the next three months in getting as much rest as I can, so that I may be able to carry on in the fall. He does not promise that I can do much in the fall; he said it all depends on what I do in the next three months. He's been examining me every week and finds nothing acutely wrong, except extreme fatigue, and says that I'm at the age where with fatigue and the lowering of resistance, anything can happen. Therefore, I think it is wise for me to follow the letter of the law as he has laid it down.



Doctor Kirby Page

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June 7, 1954

Now, Kirby, I would appreciate very much getting copies of the book and other materials if it isn't too much trouble for you to send them. I should be very glad to read it over carefully, and want to be posted on what is going on, and if I feel up to it, I will make any suggestions that I can. There is nothing that I'm more interested in, nothing that I would rather do more, but perhaps I had better lay low for a while, so that I can continue my usefulness a little longer. With kindest regards to you and to Mrs. Page, and with sincere prayers that this program, in which we heartily concur, will go forward, I remain,

Prayerfully and gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Milton G. Gabrielson", written over a typed name.

Milton G. Gabrielson

MGG;mjh

# Central Methodist Church

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June 7, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby:

We have just completed one of the finest years we have ever had for our Wednesday Evening Lecture Series here at Central Church and are making plans now for next season. We are looking for the outstanding prophetic spirits of the country to speak on contemporary issues and since I consider you one of that elect company, and I understand you are to be in this area October 3 - 8 under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, I am inviting you to open our series Wednesday evening, October 6, 1954. We would like you to speak on the issue that is closest to your heart and to give the Christian interpretation of the solution as you see it.

Hoping with all my heart that you can come, and with fondest affection and all good wishes to you and Alma in which Helen joins me, I am

Fraternally thine,



Henry H. Crane

hnc:s

CC: American Friends Service Committee  
Ohio - Michigan Region  
Box 274, Bexley Branch  
Columbus 9, Ohio



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June 7-54

Dear Dorkey and Alma;

Joy and I were glad to box your note of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. I've been quite a bit better and have been working quite a bit. Try to get my rest every day.

What do you think of the "Washington mess" by now? Boy, it beats everything what some people will try to do.

Glad to hear you are going to the Miami Convention. Are you coming



through Enid? plan to stay over  
nights with us at least. Let me know  
when you will be here and will  
plan to be at home. Greg has learned  
to drive and is going with me more than  
formerly. I've been big business for several  
weeks - getting \$4,000 or per day underwritten  
for the days I'm out on the field.

Blessings on you both.

Art & Joy.

As come by if you possibly can.  
What do you have in the mill?  
McCarthy surely must be put in  
his place! I guess "Ike" has  
finally found that out too.

ROY L. SMITH  
1345 DELLCREST LANE  
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

6/7/'54

Dr. Kirby Page,  
Box 247,  
La Habra,  
California

My Dear Kirby:-

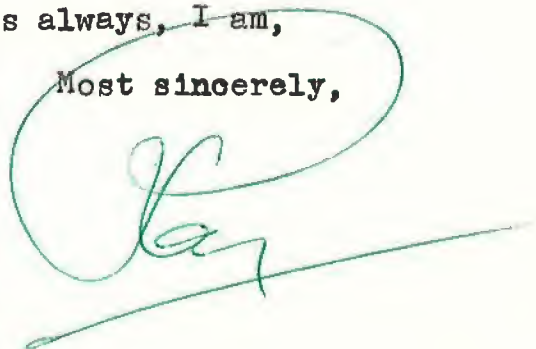
Your note came and I am sorry that I am not able to offer a personal testimony, the difficulty being that I was not able to get in on the conference. I was tied with other matters which prevented. Maybe I can have another chance sometime somewhere.

And when that chance comes I would be glad to take you out to lunch just as I did in Minneapolis a good many years ago! Surely you have not forgotten that affair.

Retirement fits me pretty well, but I am desperately busy with an excessive load of writing. Glad of it, however.

With kindest greetings always, I am,

Most sincerely,





92 Central Ave.  
Hamden 14, Conn.  
June 8, 1954

Dear Dr. Page:

Thank you for  
your note of May 26<sup>th</sup>. It  
is heartening to know  
of your continued  
convictions. I also  
appreciate the literature  
you sent. I was impressed  
by how correctly you  
forecast the future in  
1948. I'll circulate  
these pamphlets  
among my friends.

Sincerely yours,

Orpah S. Blazer

MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHERVETTE, JR.

ENFIELD, N. C.

Dear Mr Kirby Page:

I enjoyed your article in  
the Biblical Recorder and I  
agree with you about Prayer  
Retreats --- but for a longer  
time than a day if possible -  
I led the singing at a Prayer  
Retreat in Fayetteville right  
after Christmas - in a Christian  
Church - it was interdenominational  
Have you ever been to a  
C.F.O. camp - Christ for Others

MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHERVETTE, JR.

ENFIELD, N. C.

"  
That is when you are "bathed" in  
Prayer and you have a C.F.O  
camp being held in California  
July 6 (supper) to July 13 (lunch)  
with these leaders - Frank Leubach  
(you know he is our Missionary  
to India - Baptist & National)  
Rev. J.W. Smith, Edith Stauffer, Ray  
Pike, Maryant Palmer Fisk, Irene  
Frankopf, Jean & Margo Estes.

MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHERVETTE, JR.

ENFIELD, N. C.

Name of Camp -  
Calif. Boy Area <sup>Camp southeast</sup> C.D. Out @ Pacific  
Grove, Calif.

Secretary - Miss Alice Sanderson, 4105  
Montgomery St., Oakland 11, Calif.

Rates - Registration fee \$12<sup>00</sup> payable  
in advance

Camp rate for entire period  
(not including reg. fee) \$36.75 to \$50.75.

No registration fee for ministers & wives.  
" " " for children under 12.



MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHERVETTE, JR.

ENFIELD, N. C.

If you are interested in a "Poor  
House" you will find one @ a C.F.O.  
camp -

I am in my forties (incl that  
just like a woman) I joined the church  
when I was 9 - last summer at a  
C.F.O. camp I found out what it meant  
to be a Christian. I did not realize until  
I had returned home that my whole  
life had been changed - that I found  
my focus so much more and I  
wanted to help others love Him  
too!



MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHERVETTE, JR.

ENFIELD, N. C.

If you do go - let me know - for I  
know you will not be the same  
afterwards!

These few minutes it has taken  
me to write you will be "of precious  
worth" if it will make you want  
to see what a Camp Parthust  
Out really is!

God bless you!

Mrs. Robert Edward Shervette

6/8/54

# Religious Research Foundation, Inc.

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS — LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Research Office: 551 South Gramercy Place  
Los Angeles 5, California — Phone DUnkirk 7-6775

THE REV. FRANKLIN LOEHR  
*Director of Research*

June 8, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

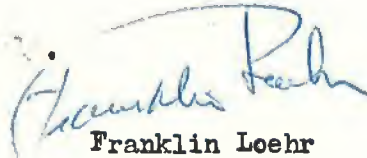
I remember, as one of the organizing-insights of my student days, your statement in a talk at Monmouth College where I studied 1929-33, "Man IS a spirit, he HAS a body".

The announcement of your speaking for the Los Angeles OFO this coming Saturday night has come to hand, and I shall endeavor to be there. It will be a pleasure to hear and meet you again.

A bit of interest is being aroused, nationally as well as locally, by the work of the Religious Research Foundation, with which I have the honor of being associated. The very concept of basic research in religion seems possessed of dynamic impact and expanding potential, and the results to date - particularly the Prayer-plant research and the Soul Dynamics - have attracted interest in themselves.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



Franklin Loehr

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June 8, 1954

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Dr. Henry H. Crane  
Central Methodist Church  
Woodward and Adams Avenues  
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Dr. Crane:

I am surprised and chagrined to get copy of your letter to Kirby Page.

You have had close contact with the Service Committee and you should know that this is not the way to operate when a region brings a speaker into its area for one-day conferences. In fact it is not the way to operate - period.

Kirby Page will be here under AFSC auspices and we assume full responsibility for Kirby's itinerary, and I have to report to you that his itinerary is completed and it will not include Detroit.

Maybe this is not written in Friendly fashion, and had it been someone in lesser position and unfamiliar with the way we take care of speakers, I would feel this should be much less severe.

I have the warmest regard for your own wonderful ministry and I am aware that from the point of view of giving Kirby an outstanding opportunity it would be good to come to your church for the occasion you mention. We have had more requests for Kirby than we can fill and I feel that those who have supported our speaker program regularly should have the preference in scheduling Kirby in this region, even though it means taking him into lesser places, probably paying a financial penalty for doing so, but with the satisfaction of honoring the wishes of those who, when we have had "lesser lights", honored our work by working cooperatively and devotedly with us.

Sincerely yours,

Charles MacLennan

cm/ee

200 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Ontario, Calif.  
June 8, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Sir, I received your letter telling of your experiences in Prayer Retreats. The United Church Women of Ontario Communities voted at our recent Board meeting to try to find a date in June for any Monday or Tuesday when we might come to your home for such an experience. Those dates would be either June 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. We would like to come at the 10:00 o'clock hour



and stay for any hour you  
indicate, not later than 4:00 P.M.  
And would you explain about  
the lunch.

I have tried to reach you by  
phone but was unsuccessful.  
Could you let us know as soon  
as possible?

Respectfully  
Mrs. Chester Fisk  
Pres. J. N. C. W. J. C.

405 Vincente Way  
La Jolla, Calif.  
June 8, 1954

Grant - Marion - Don - Lex - Phyllis - Kirby - Jane - Elsa -  
Adeline - Hope - Katherine - Margaret - Edythe - Alice - Kenneth -  
Frances - Franklin (you see I am going around the circle) -

Dear Friends,

I have just been down to the ocean. As I floated there, being buoyed up by the great waters around me, and gazing into the blazing sun, the parallels overcame my heart. It comes to me that we who were sheltered together for a great moment under the mantle of God may want to keep some touch with each other in our daily lives. We will always be kin. Shall we share some of the happenings, small and large, that come our way?

If you would like to, write a note about yourself and your family. Send it to me, and I will try to combine all the communications and send copies to all of you. Or does some better way of sharing occur to you? If so, please tell us about it.

Perhaps I may include with this a few words about the Rudnicks. Husband Phil (a physicist) is on vacation now, and we will soon go on a short camping trip in the Sierras. Daughter Carol, who will be a senior at Stanford next year, is working in a laboratory this summer. Son Bill is at the restless age - nineteen - and would like to interrupt his college career to travel. Whether or not he decides to return to his third year in the fall, he is at least getting a taste of being away now, as he is spending a summer term at the University of Guadalajara. For myself, the biggest hope I have right now is that I may get to Yearly Meeting. Somehow, and I don't believe I am wholly clear as to the reason, the Whittier experience has made me feel urgently that I must manage the long trip to Seattle. I hope way may open.

And I do pray that way may open for all of your concerns.

Kirby - what a wonderful week it was  
together - I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Friedman

Rudnick



# FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

9 NORTH ALMANSOR STREET

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

ATLANTIC 9-4258

FRED B. TROTTER, MINISTER

June 9, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

My dear Kirby:

My long stay in the hospital has made it impossible for me to answer your communications previous to this. However, I am vitally interested in this urgent endeavor, as you call it, to gain insight and power into the will of God.

Although I have not been able to attend any of the discussion groups, nor have I with too much scrutiny read what printed matter is available, I am certainly in complete harmony with the idea. I have not talked to Russell Clay regarding this matter, but I am wondering if he could be used as a leader for such groups in the Pasadena District of the Methodist Church. This would seem to be a natural organizational unit and would also give me the opportunity as District Superintendent of giving support to this type of work.

Even though I have not been too closely associated with this movement, I would like to make one or two suggestions. If they are out of line, you can ignore them.

It is very difficult for Americans to get the idea of acceptance into their lives. I sincerely doubt whether we will get very far into discovery of the will of God until we first of all commit ourselves to His purpose. It seems difficult for us to get beyond giving sanction to the will of God, not allowing His plans to operate in our own lives. This is so closely associated with the idea of resignation, which word is anathema to aggressive go-getters, but a mere reading of the scriptures that have to do with the Garden of Gethsemane reveal the necessity of this position - "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, Thy will, not mine, will be done". Once one is convinced that he is in harmony with the purpose of God, then there is an access of power which should enable him to take a Christian stand on all of the social issues of our day.

As last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, I took the time to study what men were preaching about. It would seem from a cursory examination of church notices that many ministers "did not so much as know that there was a Holy Spirit".

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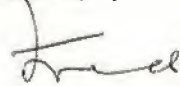
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It also occurs to me that this movement should be geared into the church triumphant. This might lead us into some of the publicized difficulties of the Evanston group, the different interpretations of eschatology. It does seem that we could agree upon the ultimate triumph of goodness so that we might know that we are playing a winning game and that the universe is on our side.

We are indebted to you for your editorials which we print practically every week in our church paper. It must be a satisfaction to you to realize how widespread and effective your ministry is.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Fred B. Trotter

FBT-gk



June 9, 1954

Mr. Charles MacLennan  
American Friends Service Committee  
2268 E. Main Street  
Columbus9, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

Just why this vituperative spam from you I am at a loss to understand. If you have some special protocol and some meticulous methods of procedure that you demand should be observed, I have obviously been left in ignorance of it.

Having done my stint for the Friends Service Committee for a considerable number of years now, and having enjoyed a relative degree of freedom as to appointments I would prefer to accept, I did not know that some particular local totalitarian technique was in vogue with reference to Kirby. I have known this man intimately as a warm personal friend for forty years. My natural instinct is to write him a personal word of invitation instead of going through some local office. I scrupulously sent you a copy of the communication so that there would be no misunderstanding and apparently ~~it reached your eye so that you were satisfied with this~~ ~~communication~~ I inadvertently hurt your feelings and I am sorry.

Sincerely yours,

Henry H. Crane

hhc:s

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June 10, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Since writing you on June 7, I have received a letter which I am enclosing, together with the copy of my reply, from an apparently rather touchy brother here in Columbus who is outraged over the fact that I wrote you directly and only sent him a carbon copy of the letter.

I send this wee note now to tell you that if there is any way of your getting here despite this super-sensitive brother we should love to have you on the Wednesday night I mentioned - October 6, 1954, and want you to know how much we want you. I shall eagerly look forward to word from you.

With best wishes always, I am

Faternally thine,



Henry H. Crane

hhc:s  
enc.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VINE AT WALNUT AVENUE  
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA

HENRY KENT  
MINISTER

TELEPHONES:  
STUDY: FLEETWOOD 6-2820  
RESIDENCE: FLEETWOOD 6-3681

JUNE 11, 1954

Mr. KIRBY PAGE  
Box 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

DEAR Mr. PAGE:

WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR  
HOSPITALITY TO INVITE MEMBERS OF OUR  
CHURCH TO YOUR HOME FOR RETREATS ON  
SATURDAY JULY 10.

THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH ARE  
GOING UP TO A RETREAT CENTER AT LAKE  
ARROWHEAD DURING THIS WEEK-END. KINDLY  
LET US KNOW WHETHER WE MAY AVAIL OUR-  
SELVES OF YOUR INVITATION ON SOME OTHER  
DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

*Henry Kent*  
HENRY KENT

HK:AR

June 11, 1954

Dear Dr. Weir:

In two or three weeks a printed folder about the Spiritual Exploration will be ready for wide distribution.

Would it be practicable and desirable for you to send a copy to all ministers in Southern California on your lists?

An impressive list of representatives of the various denominations and communions are joining in a commendation of the Exploration to ministers and churches throughout the nation.

If practicable, your cooperation in this way will be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,



*The Community Methodist Church*

POST OFFICE BOX 928

LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA

F. BRUCE ELLIS, MINISTER  
TELEPHONE 168

June 11, 1954.

Dr. Kirby Page,  
La Habra, California.

Dear Kirby,

I beg your pardon for not answering your first letter. I do want to be counted among the ministers who are planning to take part in this spiritual exploration.

I may move at Conference this year but wherever I am I want to take part.

Sorry I did not reply sooner so I would have had my name on the "honor roll" on page 3 of this letter.

All good wishes from Alma and me to you and Alma!

Sincerely,

*Bruce*

6-12-54

Dear baby,

I've been in Arizona  
for youth work since 6-4-54  
so your urgent request  
lay here until now. I  
fear it the ball has  
long since hit the  
catcher's mitt.

Answers to your  
letter of June 21 must  
await Conference. But  
our heart says "yes"  
Sincerely Frank.

# Congregational Conference

of Southern California and the Southwest

3125 WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA  
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OTTO C. KNUDSEN, MODERATOR

BLAKE FRANKLIN, TREASURER

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June 12, 1954

JESSE F. PERRIN  
Superintendent

Mr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am sorry you had to write me a second follow-up note on the Spiritual Exploration appeal. I am in entire sympathy with it and commend it to the churches of our area. I have been out of town a good deal of late, hence the delay in reading the materials you enclosed.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Jesse F. Perrin

JFP:m

First Presbyterian Church  
Orange, California  
ROBERT BURNS McAULAY, D. D., Pastor

June 13, 1954

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Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

I am very happy to have a share in the  
splendid work that you are doing and enclose  
a check for the same.

Cordially,

Roh



# The Neighborhood Church

(CONGREGATIONAL-CHRISTIAN)

Richard A. Dawson, Minister

June 14, 1954

415-421 Paseo Del Mar  
Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Kirby:

Enclosed please find my reservation for the day of fellowship which is possible for me to plan.

Enclosed also please find my check which may help to bear some of the expense of the issuing of the booklet.

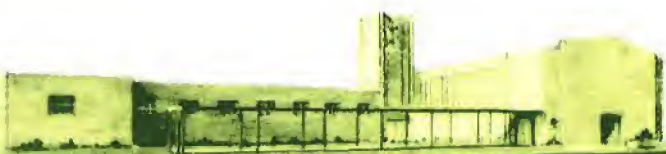
With keen anticipation of values which may be derived both from the booklet and from the conversations, I am

Loyally yours,



Richard A. Dawson

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Encls.



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

740 East Speedway

Tucson, Arizona

June 14, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Dr. Page;

Unfortunately the distance involved will make it impossible for me to attend any of the Retreat dates indicated in your letter of June 2nd. I look forward, however, very much to participating in this project, which seems to me to have great possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD L. LUNGER  
Minister

HLL:eb

GALEN B. OGDEN, PASTOR  
2220 FIFTH STREET  
LYCOMING 4-3823

CLEO C. BEERY, ASSISTANT PASTOR  
2160 FIFTH STREET  
LYCOMING 4-3284

*Church of the Brethren*  
E STREET BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH  
LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA  
LYCOMING 4-4445

June 14, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, California

Dear Brother Page:

I am very sorry that I wasn't able to be with you at the Methodist Headquarters Friday, June 4. It was necessary for me to stay in La Verne for a funeral service.

Since I am leaving for the east tomorrow, and will not be back until the middle of August, I will not be able to attend the other meetings that you have planned. I regret that I cannot be of any help on this venture, as I think it is very commendable.

We still remember with appreciation the day which we recently had at your home.

Sincerely,

*Galen B. Ogden*

GALEN B. OGDEN

GBO:ZRB  
Dictated June 8, 1954

June 14, '54

Dear Dr. Page.

Under separate covers I am sending you five <sup>brand new</sup> copies of the same issue of a Digest, one of which you may have with my compliments, and the remaining four copies are my contributions to the book table of the "Prayer retreat" of your home. Long ago I had bought ten copies of them for 25¢ each, to help other sufferers read my brief but very valuable article on its 14<sup>th</sup> page. Hope you won't miss reading it. My name: John R. Thompson is on that page.

My article alone is worth over a dollar, so that Mrs. Page would do well to sell them at the cost price of 25¢ each, in order to put the money into the same change that she keeps on hand to pay her cus-



Tomers. Had I read a similar article about four years ago, it would have saved me over \$100.00 doctor-bills. So people who come to your retreat and who wish to know the real cause and cure of strangling asthma and of too much bleeding after teeth-extraction, should be more than eager to buy them at such a small cost.

The enclosed circular is to help any one stop doctor shopping, by doctoring ones self on most functional ailments. The books mentioned in the circulars, together with my article, are trail-blazers in the matter of regaining and maintaining good health. I wish everybody were brought up that way. I found out that if I do not take to the kindly way of instruction, I'll have to learn my lessons by sufferings.

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which is an unnecessary blessing  
in disguise.

Was so glad to hear you last  
Saturday at the Methodist Church.  
Our good friend Ralph Harlow  
and I have been <sup>rather</sup> in frequent  
touch with each other with  
mutually fond regards. In  
his last and best letter to me  
from Greece he says:

"Among my former students  
I know no one except you,  
who understood so well what  
was in my heart and mind.  
Instead of taking Authority for  
truth as before, you have  
grown by taking Truth for  
authority."

Very gratefully yours,  
John R. Thompson

Concerning David Hyun --

Post Office Box 26026  
Los Angeles 26, California

June 14, 1954

Dear Friend:

We whose names are signed to this letter desire your attention for a case we think deserves thoughtful consideration.

It is the deportation case of David Hyun. David is the son of the Reverend Soon Hyun, a Methodist minister who served in Korea and Hawaii, 1905 to 1940. In Hawaii he was under the appointment of Bishop Baker. The father is now resident in Los Angeles on a retired basis. David has lived in the United States and its territories nearly all of his life. His wife and two sons are native-born Americans. He is a successful and well-respected architect.

The situation briefly is this: David has been placed under deportation order by the Immigration Service. His case is now under appeal to the courts. We are naturally not in a position to deal with the legal question. We have no knowledge of the issues at stake there.

However, facts have come to light which convince us that should David be deported to South Korea, not only will his family be broken up, but he is likely to suffer physical persecution if not summary execution. The enclosed brochure gives authenticated testimony on this point. We hope you will examine it carefully.

Here is the action we propose. Under the McCarran-Walter Act the Attorney General of the United States is given authority to change the order of deportation if he believes that bodily harm may come to the person deported in the country named in the order. A petition is enclosed. If you are convinced, as we are by the material in the brochure, we appeal to you to sign the petition and return it to the address given at the bottom of the page.

Very truly yours,

*Rev. Carl Lawson Brain*  
*(The Rev. Canon) Reschwig*  
*Rev. Robert J. Kersey*  
*(The Rev.) Forrest B. Shier*  
*George A. Warner (Dist Supt Methodist)*



SHERWOOD EDDY  
108 FINLEY STREET  
TELEPHONE 502  
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

June 15, 54

Dear Kisty: I am just putting on the finishing touches on the autobiography and sending it to Egan. It is in far better shape than it ever was. I was ashamed to see literally hundreds of changes and improvements in style that Mrs. So or her sister Mrs. Dexter in Wisconsin made.

I hope your biography is accepted by your Press. I am sure that you will see the agreement literally fulfilled that it will not be published until one year after the



which Emma thought would be the Spring 1955  
could be given by the way could you return  
the little book Testament by registered post or else  
express. I am afraid the book volume you bought  
is permanently lost.

Virginia has asked to send you \$100 a quarter  
and I hope you will let her know if she can put  
the address Miss M. Benson c/o Model Roland & Ostron  
120 Bunting St. I read you account of your last  
development to tell her I thought he ought to keep  
financially. He is still a lovable adolescent.

We had a really good trip with Ned & Susan & I feel a new  
book of traveling with them, the it has not reached the boiling point.  
We are well & happy & daily share in the passport your wonderful  
new blog  
Marilyn R. Hermon

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June 15, 1954

Dear Dr. Page:

I wanted to give you what I know of the backers and background of the organization known as World Goodwill, which published the pamphlet I gave you last Sunday evening. I will indicate direct quotations and other points will be paraphrased.

"World Goodwill is an organized movement to aid in establishing Right Human Relations by making the constructive power of goodwill available and effective in solving the Problems of Humanity." World Goodwill is one of the activities of the Lucis Trust, founded in 1922 by Alice A. Bailey, Foster Bailey and Ernest S. Sufferin. The trust is incorporated in the U.S.A., Great Britain and Holland. The international trustees are Foster Bailey, chairman, U.S.A.; Robert Assaglioli, Italy; Gerry Jansen, Holland; Major James A. Tetley, Mary W. Turner, Great Britain; Frank Hilton, Regina Keller, U.S.A. No membership fees or dues are required, money coming from voluntary contributions of men and women of goodwill everywhere. International Headquarters is located at 38, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, with groups in various countries financed by men and women in those countries. "The objectives of World Goodwill are not contrary to any man's religion or ideology or economic convictions and are absolutely non-political and non-sectarian. It therefore functions freely everywhere across all national boundaries and above all racial prejudices, it antagonizes no man because it is entirely constructive and leaves every man free. It does not pass judgment upon or work against any ideology or any government or any established religious practice."

Knowing nothing about the people behind it, I was impressed with "The New Group Of World Servers," because it seemed to me to be what God Himself is asking us all to do. Whether we have accepted Christ or not, as world peoples, God is still Father of us all, and we all have the obligation to act as brothers, interested in sharing with our brothers what has come to us. I am enclosing also a copy of a second publication which is in line with some of your remarks of last Sunday evening.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to hear you and exchange ideas, although exchange is somewhat of an affectation on my part. I am hopeful that I can serve to further spread, in my own circle and elsewhere, these ideas which offer the only solution to the terrible predicament in which we are found.

With best wishes, and prayers for your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

*LeRoy R. Vaughn Jr.*  
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June 15, 1954

Dear Kirby Page:

We are glad you will be with us for the 20th Annual Session of the Whittier Institute of International Relations, June 28-July 5, 1954. We want to do all we can to make your stay a pleasant one. If you want further information about details of the program, write to us at this office or phone us at the numbers given above. During the Institute we may be reached in Whittier at OXford 4-2095.

The program for the opening day, Monday, June 28th, is as follows:

- 10 a.m. - noon Registration in front of Redwood Building
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon at Campus Inn
- 3:30 p.m. Tea in front of Redwood Building
- 4:15 p.m. Orientation Session, Lautrup Room, Hoover Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Campus Inn
- 8:00 p.m. Address at Woman's Club - Dr. Ira DeA. Reid  
"A Quaker Approach to Contemporary Problems"
- 9:45 p.m. Informal Session, Provident Building

The Institute concludes on Monday morning, July 5th, at about 11 o'clock. The last meal to be served will be breakfast at Campus Inn.

As you have seen in the announcement, the Institute program will center around the morning discussion groups, to which all full-time participants will be assigned. In order to assign you to a group which will include a variety of interests and background experiences, we are asking each participant to send us some information in advance. This information will also be helpful in a small research project in which we would like your cooperation.

Would you be good enough to fill in the enclosed questionnaire and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to seeing you at Whittier on the 28th.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Vogel  
Institute Director

enc.



# Wilshire Christian Church

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NORMANDIE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA

June 16, 1954



"Calling Humanity to God"

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you outlined the plans for the prayer groups.

I am enclosing a small check to help defray the expenses of printing and postage. I am very glad to be able to do this.

Sincerely yours,

Hoke S. Dickinson  
Minister

HSD/dw  
Enc. 1



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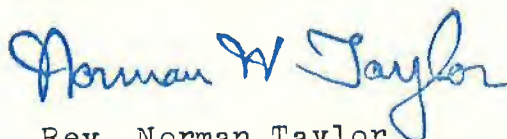
Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Enclosed you will find material that expresses our Christian concern as Peacemakers over the current H-Bomb situation.

May I invite you to sign with us the enclosed statement? If your convictions lead you to sign this statement of our concern, please return the enclosed with your signature.

In fellowship,



Rev. Norman Taylor  
pastor, First Methodist Church  
of Southgate  
member, Regional Committee, F.O.R.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

THE LOS ANGELES AREA  
125 EAST SUNSET BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA  
BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

June 16, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page,  
P. O. Box 247,  
LA HABRA, California.

Dear Dr. Page:

Your letter to Bishop Kennedy has been forwarded from our office in Los Angeles to the office of our Conference, which is being held this week at Redlands University. Bishop Kennedy has given his consent to your including his name on the list of those commending Spiritual Exploration to the ministers of the churches of the nation, and has asked me to convey this word to you.

Sincerely,

*Bela Keetch*

Secretary to Bishop Kennedy

# The Oneonta Congregational Church

Garfield Avenue at Oak Street, South Pasadena, California

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Henry David Gray, Ph.D., Minister

June 17, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Friend:

I am thoroughly in sympathy with and glad to commend your "Spiritual Exploration". My reason for not writing you to that effect was that I am so heavily booked for the coming year that I cannot myself share in it. This is chiefly because Redlands University has invited me to head up a somewhat similar project involving their faculty and the relationship of religion to higher education under the Danforth Foundation. ✓

I will have very heavy responsibilities in July and August here at the Church, and getting ready for the first extended meeting of several days with the Redlands faculty in early September.

We all appreciate the material you are sending out for use in the papers, and we are thrilled with the way in which you use your life to support these important Christian under-girdings of man-God contact, both individual and societal. Keep it up.

Cordially yours,

  
Henry David Gray



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June 17, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

The two chapters which you sent look excellent. There are a few minor typographical errors but I assume that these will be corrected as the preparation is made more final and definite. If you want some of us to check even on these details that is okay by me and I will be glad to do my part.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$5.00 to help according to the need which you have suggested.

I regret having to miss the meeting next week. I hope to be a part of the retreat group which will be meeting with you on Friday, July 23.

Fraternally yours,

*Wesley P. Ford*  
Wesley P. Ford

WPF/sjw



# *The Oneonta Congregational Church*

*Garfield Avenue at Oak Street, South Pasadena, California*

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*Henry David Gray, Ph.D., Minister*

June 17, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

My dear Dr. Page:

It has been a long time since you wrote me about John and Marjorie Raitt and the possibility that they might devote their full time to religious singing for a period of time in Southern California. I think this would be a wonderful possibility. The main thing is to get such events scheduled long in advance. The combined honorarium of \$250 per evening is, it seems to me, entirely reasonable, and entirely possible for our churches provided we do know well in advance. The getting out of the crowd is made possible, as you well know, by two things -- the right presentation, which John and Marjorie would be; and in addition, the good organization of publicity, etc. on the home field.

Very sincerely yours,



Henry David Gray

Dear Alma & Kirby Page

Find enclosed a check for two dollars for the group of books from your home last Friday. They are being used and appreciated.

People left your home last week with a renewed desire for deeper spiritual growth. We are hoping that younger groups may come to you as suggested. They seem so in earnest about wishing to learn and grow as individuals and as groups.

Thank you so much for just being you

Sincerely yours

Mary M. Van Dornan

Whittier Calif.

6/17/54

FRANK B. FAGERBURG  
MINISTER

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MINISTER OF EDUCATION

# *The First Baptist Church*

CAJON AT OLIVE

*Redlands, California*

June 17, 1954

Dear Kirby:

Your two mailings arrived during my absence. Guinevere and I were attending the American Baptist Convention in Minneapolis and visiting with relatives in the Middle West.

This sounds like a significant project. I hope it will succeed in a big way.

Our ways have not crossed enough. I assure you that it has not been by design on my part but rather because of a complication of problems.

Blessings always.

Very sincerely,

*Frank*





# STUDENTS IN INDUSTRY

JUNE 17 TO AUGUST 29, 1954



## PURPOSE



X The Student YMCA and the Student YWCA sponsor this project in order to make available to students a summer experience profoundly concerned with interpreting within the framework of the Christian Faith the economic, racial, political, and social problems of a great industrial city.

## WORK



Students secure industrial jobs, work regular hours for prevailing pay and enter into the common experience of industrial life in a large city. In the orientation weekend and opening sessions, students will get acquainted with typical sections of the city, visit some of the industries, and learn of the work opportunities available. Each student is responsible, however, for securing his own employment in a real industrial job. The hours spent in looking for a job, in applying, and in "pounding the pavement" have proved to be some of the most valuable of the summer's experience.

## SEMINARS



Seminars and discussions will be planned in part by a committee made up of former project participants and then developed by the student program committee and the director. These make possible some insight into the problems of industrial workers and industrial management. Job satisfaction, security, the American standard of living, labor unions, labor-management relations, collective bargaining, Christian principles for economic life—all these are within the compass of the seminars.

## GROUP LIFE



Cooperative living arrangements are made for the group in the vicinity of the University of Southern California. Through the "co-op" all share in household duties. In addition to spontaneous group recreation, plans have included a concert at the Hollywood Bowl, a play at the Greek Theater, days at the beach and in the mountains. Experiences of group worship are planned by a committee with that responsibility.

## LEADERSHIP



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Eugene Pfuetze will serve as directors of the 1954 Project. Paul is the head of the Philosophy Department at the University of Georgia. Louise is a former Student YWCA Secretary and both of the Pfuetzes have had many years of close association with the Student YMCA and YWCA Movements. They are not strangers to the West Coast having been related to student work in the Pacific Southwest Region at the College of Pacific and in Pasadena. They were also Co-Directors of the 1949 Leadership School in Berkeley.



To: Members of Sturtevant and Wrightwood Older Youth Retreat Faculties

Dear Friends:

The coaching conference for the faculties for the two retreats mentioned above will be held in connection with our annual conference in Redlands, Friday, June 18.

Since we have experienced institute leaders on these faculties it was the judgment of the committee that we did not need an extensive training period. However, they did feel that it is very important that we get together as a faculty for a time of orientation and some planning.

We will meet for supper at the La Posada Hotel at 5 :30 p.m. Please plan to be there a little early or at least on the dot! This will make it possible for us to complete our business and still return to conference to hear the speaker. I am sure you will be interested in hearing him, Dr. David MacLennan, famous Scottish preacher and instructor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School.

The dinner will cost \$1.75. We will provide for any travel expense necessary to the meeting. Please make your reservation on the enclosed card.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Thomas K. Farley

TKF/1

P.S. We hope Mrs. Page can accompany you and we expect you to be our guests for this dinner. The dinner cost information is for our men only.

PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
585 EAST COLORADO STREET  
PASADENA 1, CALIFORNIA

GANSE LITTLE  
MINISTER

June 18, 1954.

Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247,  
La Habra, California.

Dear Dr. Page:

In reply to your letter of June 11th forwarded to me at your request, I do not believe that I am sufficiently committed to the promotion of the "retreat" idea upon anything like the scale you now have in mind to permit my name in all honesty to be used in connection with your nation-wide program.

In all honesty, I do not propose to set up such a comprehensive "retreat" program in our own church, therefore, I should not lend my name to the plan as you sincerely seek to promulgate it.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Jones*

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June 19, 1954

Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

Thanks very much for your greetings of June 18th. Louise and I look forward to joining in fellowship with you in one or more of your meetings in July and August.

Glenn Smiley will be here through June 30th. introducing me in the region. We are scheduled to go through your city June 26th and wonder if it would be possible to have a few minutes with you at that time. We expect to arrive there about 10:00 A. M.

Sincerely,



Wilson C. Riles  
Regional Secretary

WCR:ec

THE LOS ANGELES AREA  
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The San Bernardino District of The Methodist Church

Fletcher H. Scharer  
Superintendent  
437 W. 11th Street  
Claremont, California  
LYcoming-5-3706

✓ June 21, 1954

Dear Mr. Page:

You may include my  
name on the list of individuals  
who are commending Spiritual  
Exploration.

Cordially,

Fletcher Scharer



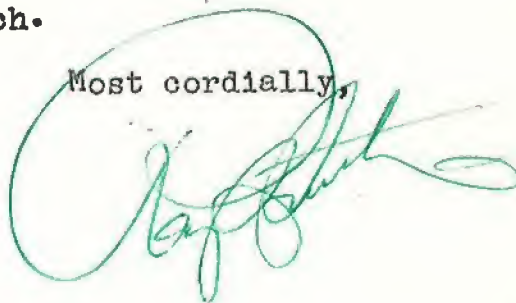
ROY L. SMITH  
1345 DELLCREST LANE  
LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

6/21/'54

My Dear Kirby:-

By all means, use my name as an endorser of the prayer  
retreat program. I would be happy to share in the experience  
if it were possible, but at the moment I do not see much  
chance. It is just a little like the old fashioned class  
meetings of The Methodist Church.

Most cordially,



# Atwater Park Baptist Church

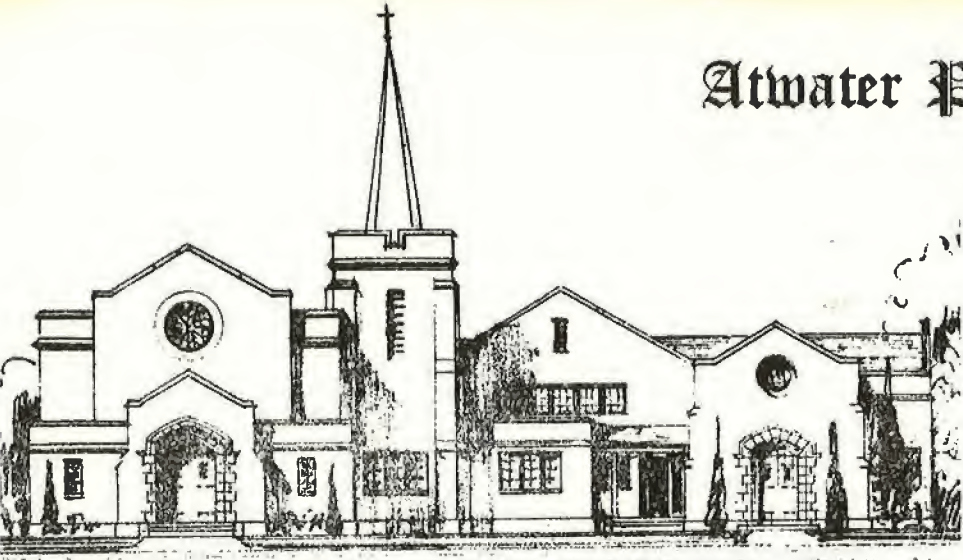
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PAUL E. HOWARD  
MINISTER

June 22, 1954



Dr. Kirby Page  
P. O. Box 247  
La Habra, California


Dear Dr. Page:

Your Prospectus on Spiritual Exploration that you are planning sounds challenging and exciting. I do want to be among those who will take part. I should like to know where the fellowship bids will be conducted for August 6, 13 and September 10.

I am desirous of any further information that you can give me concerning my participation in this program.

Sincerely,

*Paul E. Howard*  
Paul E. Howard



PEH:lf

Dear Kirby - I would very much to come up the  
23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> & we would go to come down here -  
We are having a group meeting (Central Beach Council)  
(we hope to develop) - on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July & will discuss  
it there - I hope to see you at the Institute.

Love to you all  
Olivia

THE CHURCH FEDERATION OF LOS ANGELES

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OFFICE OF THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 22, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

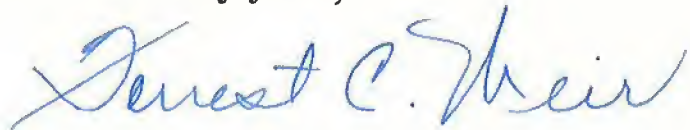
Thank you for your note of June 11. I think it would be exceptionally opportune to include in one of our Bulletin mailings the folder on Spiritual Exploration about which you wrote.

It may be much more desirable to do this in the Fall. We shall not have another scheduled mailing, after July 1, until some time in September. Our July-August bulletin will be mailed the first week in July, and I rather think that it is already pretty well packed with material.

If we include the folder in this general mailing we shall need approximately 2500 copies.

With every good wish to you personally, I am

Faithfully yours,



(The Rev.) Forrest Cleburne Weir, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

FCW:wc



cc - Dr. Kirby Page, La Habra :  
cc - Dr. Allan Hunter, Hollywood:

Don't hesitate to write to  
Dr. Robinson direct, if you so  
desire. This gives his address  
as recorded in our May 1954 book.  
R.B.McA.

If you desire, I will send you  
a copy of his answer to me.

June 22, 1954

Rev. James H. Robinson, Pastor  
Church of the Master  
360 West 122nd Street  
New York 27, New York

My dear Dr. Robinson:

In March when you were out here you gave a splendid  
address. One effect of that was that a former elder of  
our church was deeply moved. He is a Texan. He came  
to me the next day and said that he would like to provide  
a scholarship for some promising colored boy or girl. I  
corresponded with the Board of National Missions.  
Arrangements have been completed, I believe, for the fall  
term.

I am writing now, not only to express appreciation for  
this good work, but also to get the name, if I may, and  
other particulars concerning the Communist who united with  
your church on profession of faith receiving baptism last  
December. This Communist, as I recall the story, was a  
heckler at one of the meetings that you held in the Orient.  
He was an agitator, determined to destroy any possible  
good effect of your message, and otherwise made a nuisance  
of himself.

I would indeed appreciate the facts concerning this very  
vivid illustration of the power of the Gospel, and the  
vindication of the Christian way of life.

Cordially,

*Ray*

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of  
LONG BEACH

William H. McCance  
Minister of Parish Activities

Telephone  
6-2256

241 CEDAR AVENUE  
Long Beach 2, California

June 22, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I am writing to say we are happy that you will be our visiting minister on Sunday July 4th at 9:30 and 11 o'clock. We are looking forward to having you with us again.

In the absence of Mr. Hangen, (if you are agreeable) I will conduct the first part of the service and you will take your scripture reading, the pastoral prayer and the sermon.

Looking forward to meeting you, kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*William H. McCance*  
William H. McCance

WHM:gc

*Lovett*

Casa de Cman

1863 East Orange Grove Avenue

Pasadena 7, California

Wed. a.m.

Kirby--Alma :

Swell of you to come see us yesterday. Sally is a "honey". Imagine the 90 years ahead of her! As usual I think of several ?s after you leave. How the Prayer Groups are coming on? When do you start the trek East? Just what transpired with the group in Gené's office ?etc etc. Well I'm terrible human. One question is this...If R Fel. Cabinet decides to present men and women who are "Pioneering and Achieving Now on Social Frontiers" who would you suggest for 'in the field of religion'? Dan Genung and Allan or both?? I assume we will have to use So Calif. speakers. Cheerio

*Alma*

*Thanks, Alma, for kiss & love*



3527 Greenwood Ave  
Venice Gate  
June 23, 1954

Dear Mr. Page,

Allan Hunter asked me to write and verify our proposed meeting at your home on Sunday afternoon, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The hour of 3:00 p.m. seems best as I think of it now. This should allow at least a 2 hour discussion before we need to get ready for the evening session at the Whittier Institute. I'm not sure at this time when this begins but we plan eat picnic lunch in Whittier before the session.

Due to the holiday weekend it's difficult to estimate how many will participate but my guess is between 10 to 20 Young Adults.

If you care to send directions as to the "easy" way to get to your home they'd be appreciated otherwise we'll endeavor to follow the map.

It's gracious of you to let us come to your home for this meeting. We're looking forward to it much.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs G.G.) Margaret Strem



The Methodist Church

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OSCAR M. NEWBY  
MINISTER

OFFICE PHONE  
5-5153

June 24, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

The Bishop has transferred me to Las Vegas, Nevada, where I am to build a new church. Therefore, I will be unable to carry on with our project here in Santa Maria. I hope that all goes well with you and the others who are working with you, and desire to be kept on your mailing list.

If you are ever over in the Las Vegas area, please be sure to look us up.

Sincerely yours,



1709 Hassett St.  
Las Vegas, Nev.

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# STUDENT Y. M. C. A. AND STUDENT Y. W. C. A.

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EDITH M. LERRIGO  
BRUCE B. MAGUIRE  
CHARLES S. PALMERLEE

1005 West 28th Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
June 24, 1954

Dear Kirby:

This wee and hurried note is just to call "hello", to let you know we are here, and that we are directing the Students-in-Industry ~~project~~ for the Student YMCA-YWCA.

We are thrilled to note that the local sponsoring and arrangement committee has already planned an outing for our group at your home on Sunday, July 18. We would have seen you in any event, but it is grand to know that we are permitted to bring the students for an all-day visit at your home.

There are 24 students, from as many universities, and including three from other lands--one German, one Turkish, one Hindu. They are a good gang, I think, and after living with them for only a few days, we are pleased with their promise. They have been seeking employment all this week, and after some discouragement, and a few "low" periods, they are picking up. Over half now have some employment, and the others have some good prospects and are encouraged. Heavy industry is slow just now, but there are many other things, especially in small industrial plants. So morale is high, and by next week I think the whole lot of them will have jobs that will at least pay their expenses and provide the kind of learning experiences which the project is planned to provide.

This letter, then, besides sending you and Alma greetings, is to confirm the date of Sunday, July 18 for an all day outing at your home on the hill top, and to ask if you have any special plans or suggestions as to how we might best spend the day. Do you have anything special on your mind and heart these days which you want to share with our students, or do you want to start with their experiences and help them to interpret their insights and learnings? or what?

We have visited Allan Hunter's church for last Sunday's worship, and spent a couple hours with him in general discussion. We will visit the Whittier Institute next Saturday. And we will have had some discussions of the Goals of Economic Life, Christian values, and the social responsibilities of Business and Labor.

Our fondest regards to your family,

*Paul & Laurie*

So Calif, especially Baptist  
section, desperately needs  
what his emphasis seems to be.

Cman

1863 East Orange Grove Avenue

Pasadena 7, California

Kirby

Thurs noon

Since talking with you I learn that the probable cause of hesitation on Bell's part is likely to be that he has recently built a new Church and that they are on threshold of contracting for an Educa. bldg...and furthermore that they made the parsonage over for his growing family including a beautiful kitchen which The Mrs is loathe to leave. (Yet she told him when he stared out here she would leave if he thot best). Hardly seems that he would come see us unless sincerely interested. Lets hope. GRAND co-operation for you to wire him.

Dear Friend,

June 25

Last Sunday at our Monthly Meeting for Business, friends expressed their preference for the hours from 10 to 4 on Saturday, July 10. We expect about 10-15 people to attend the Retreat. I shall let you know the exact number during the week preceding the 10th, so that your wife knows how many to expect for the simple meal.

We read your article on "Power Houses" in Fellowship Magazine and are grateful for the opportunity you are offering us.

Sincerely, Leonora Cayard.



Coachella Valley Christian Church

JOSEPH M. SMITH, Minister

Coachella, California

250

June 25, 1954

Dear Kirby Page,

I enclose a personal check to help defray expenses in connection with the Spiritual Explorations.

Since we are to be in the East from late July until early September it appears I shall be unable accept your good invitation to bring a lay leader to one of the Prayer Retreats described in your June 2nd letter.

Sincerely,  
Joseph M. Smith





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REV. WILLIAM A. GILBERT, RECTOR

June 26, 1954.

Kirby Page,  
Box 247  
La Habra,  
California.

My Dear Brother:

I have had, in my basket, the letter on Spiritual Exploration which came some time ago. I've read it and feel quite in sympathy with what you folk have in mind and should like to be kept on your mailing list. When I have been able to think the thing through I may, indeed, want to go along. In the mean time be assured of my very great interest and prayers regarding your endeavor.

Fraternally yours,

# Epworth Methodist Church

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June 26/54

Dear Kirby;

I have tried to interest my laymen in the  
Spiritual Exploration plann;but so far  
am stymied.

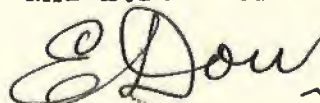
However you may use my name as one who is  
interested and working at getting the idea

~~XXXXXXXX~~ across,if that will help any.

Now as to coming on one of the special  
Hill-Top days--we would like very much to  
do that,and we hold in our hearts the memory  
of other Hill-Top days with you that were  
very rewarding. However,there are only 2  
possible days we might come-July 23rd &  
Sept 10th--and we cannot say now which we  
can have. We plan a trip to Alaska,with our  
youngest Son Bill,driving the car,and wemay  
leave in late July,or in early August.If

we leave in July,we cannot come Hill-Topp~~One~~  
then, but will wait until Sept 10th.  
Wishing you the best-and hoping to see you  
again,on one of the two dates-

Sincerely-Grace and E.Dow Hoffman



THE METHODIST CHURCH  
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En route 6/26.54

Dear Kirby - Thank you for the generous  
invitation to me - I wish I could come  
to one of the meetings. However we do  
not expect to be back before the middle  
of Sept.

It was good to see you and  
Mrs Page at Glenoch -  
We love you both  
Sincerely  
Jim

# Broadway Methodist Church

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Archie Matson, Pastor  
911 E. Broadway  
Glendale 5, California

June 26, 1954

Dear Kirby

Thanks for your renewed invitation. I had held off until after conference before accepting.

*July* ~~24th~~ Martha and I will plan on being with you on the 24th. My date book says that we may have Roxie Lafforge, a missionary from Manila, and several students enroute to eastern colleges, as house guests about then. If it suits their schedule and yours could we bring them along?

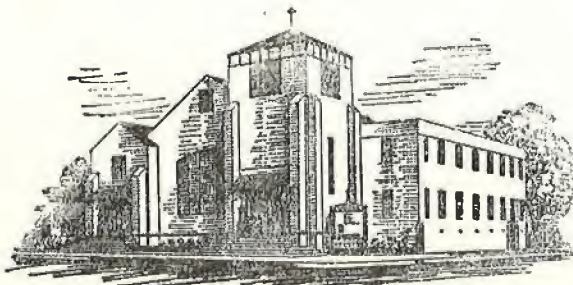
I'll phone you before we come.

Sincerely,



P.S. I hope my friend Donald Bower did not bother you too much. He is on the dividing line between genius and insanity. I tried to steer him away, but he is not easily dissuaded.

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# ARCADIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

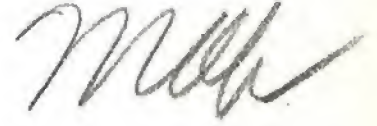
2607 South Santa Anita Avenue  
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EDWIN R. HOWARD  
Minister

26 June 1954

Telephone  
DOUGLAS 7-8053

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, Calif.



Dear Kirby:

Just the other day, I ran across an announcement about the Spiritual Exploration groups meeting in various communities. Not long before, I'd encountered the article in Fellowship about the retreats at your house and was likewise interested.

I'd appreciate knowing if anything of this kind is going on this summer. I expect to be around until about mid-September, as it looks now, at which time I expect to go east to finish up at Yale Divinity. Until then, I'll be here in Arcadia as Youth Director and summer program director.

During this time, the chance to participate in any of these retreats would be welcome.

Regards to Alma.

In Fellowship,



Roger F. Rose

June 27, 1954

Dear Sherwood:

Thanks for your letters. It was good of you to write to Harold.

Association Press is putting the biography in the safe indefinitely and is not reaching a decision at this time. My judgment is that it will not be published.

Eager to get final word about the autobiography.

Thanks for the bottle of pills. You will rejoice to know that the doctor has found a way to bring my blood pressure down to 135 over 90. For several months I have been taking Apresoline tablets and they are doing the trick. I take plenty of rest, including an hour after lunch. Have rarely ever felt better.

Plans for the Spiritual Exploration are going better than expected, and it now seems that 200 churches in Southern California and Arizona will engage in a common search beginning in the fall. A printed folder will be distributed widely throughout the United States. One little book is nearly completed and the other one is half finished.

We are having a steady stream of groups coming to our hilltop for all-day conversation and prayer.

Our beloved music continues to be an inspiration and joy. You folks are often in our thoughts and prayers.

Affectionately,

782 Under P.S. 1  
Riverside

Paul T L June 28, 1954

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Page -

Paul joins me in expressing  
our many and most sincere  
thanks for the many wonderful  
things you have done and  
given us -

You have no idea what it



want to us both to have  
you assist at our wedding. We  
both are very sentimental and  
your part in this very important  
step in our lives will never  
be forgotten.

You were so nice to give us  
the lovely patchwork blanket  
and pitcher - Both have already  
been used and enjoyed thoroughly.  
They are a great addition to our  
home.

We both squealed with  
delight when we received  
the Kirby Page library. Of all  
the many gifts that we have  
received the church your  
books the most. We plan to



read the books together and lived  
our home and life on your  
wonderful principles -

We are having lots of fun  
trying to get settled but it is  
very slow as we both work  
early and late - Do plan to come  
out soon and see us. Our door  
is always open to your wonderful  
friends. Sincerely, Edna Blockhart

## The Church of the Foothills

(COMMUNITY METHODIST)  
1014-22 FOOTHILL BOULEVARD  
DUARTE, CALIFORNIA

HAROLD CARY  
MINISTER

ELLIOTT 9-2803

June 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Kirby,

At last — to write you a note in appreciation of the notes I've received from you.

I've just preached on the two subjects we began to explore: "How do I find God," and "How can I discover His will for me." I've said very little about a plan for spiritual retreats because I find some rather rigid prejudice against them — my people are so engrossed in building and growing that they feel spiritual items like prayer can not be pragmatic enough. However, 12 men have become terribly interested in Bible Study. Out of this



group there seems to be a good  
start.

While I am away the month of  
August I hope to have time away  
from mundane administration to  
do reflective & creative thinking. In that  
(the) time a plan ought to fall  
which will be workable.

This one thing I can say in  
self appraisal: I am too often  
afraid that people are not interested  
in the deeper resources - I find  
out every day that they are,  
terribly thirsty and need only to  
have the way shown.

I plan to come out to your  
home on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> September and  
shall try to bring my Lay Leader  
along -

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I am sorry - I could have done  
some telephoning for these meetings  
the early part of June.

Enclosed find \$1.00 to help. Perhaps  
I can help later - with more.

I am attending the World Council  
of Churches in Evanston in August.  
Will be away 26<sup>th</sup> July until about  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Blessings on this work you are doing -  
I will write you or speak to you  
one day of my local plans.

Harold



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320 South High Street  
Covington, Ohio  
28 June 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I have read chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the new book and I find myself in full agreement with all of the basic ideas. It seems to me that the material is very well written and I think it should prove helpful. I do not believe I have any suggestions to make at this point.

I hope to be able to attend the September 10 meeting of ministers and laymen. Enclosed please find a check for \$3.00 which is intended to help with the expenses in preparing the materials for the spiritual explorations.

Cordially,

*Galen*

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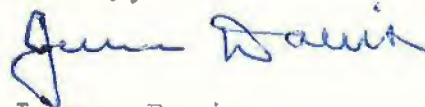
Star Route 4,  
Bath, Maine  
June 28th

Dear Kirby,

You will never know all the good that you have accomplished. The good that was done to my students at Kisk was incalculable.

I am delighted that you have all the speaking dates you need. Cant I send you a couple of thousand of the enclosed postals on Gandhi free for you to distribute at your meetings. Also can I not send you 20 of my paper book Peace, War and You at the special price of 60 cents each for you to sell at your meetings. I realize that you cant do much of this but I should think a few of these at your meetings might be useful.

Cordially,



Jerome Davis

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W.C.1

June 29, 1954.

Dear Kirby:

I am here with the Shenwood  
Eddy Seminar (which I took also in 1937).  
Shenwood of course is not alone, but we  
are having a fine time under Dr. Dupré.  
I shall be home on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Press of duties in getting off from  
California, plus need to attend annual  
Methodist Conference at Redlands,  
kept me from getting time to send you  
an answer on the materials you were  
good enough to give me on The Spiritual  
Exploration.

Regret that I cannot come to any  
of the days for which you invite us all to  
your home. I am abroad on the first two, just  
back and having to be in my office to see a visiting  
dignitary on the third, on my way to Evanston  
on the fourth, and beginning our fall program on  
the fifth date. Not being a pastor I have  
no church in which to organize a group,  
and our students so commute that they  
can't assemble for a group except as  
they may do so in their own churches,



as I judge some of them may. Therefore  
I cannot be a conductor or guide or  
organizer in it. I can add my  
name to the list of those who  
commend the exploration, a fine  
list and one I should be glad to be  
included in, if this can properly be  
done with the understanding that  
this commendation means only  
commendation and not participation  
except in spirit. Such a meaning  
may seem too cheap and easy,  
although as I look over the list I  
think it is all some of those friends  
can do and are doing. So use your  
judgment according to your  
interpretation of your plan. I  
wish my own residence could  
center in the practical experience  
which you have, but at the moment  
it operates in other ways, temporary  
and not ultimate, but required if I  
am to be true to my responsibility.  
I'll try to come to one of your gatherings  
on some later Saturday and run over  
things with you. Best wishes in all ways.

Most sincerely,  
Earl Cranston



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June 29, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
P.O. Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

The past year has been a most hectic one for me and I am chagrined that I never acknowledged your communication about Sherwood Eddy. The fact is that I have not had the privilege of sufficient contact with Sherwood to have much to contribute. I saw the excellent manuscript which you submitted to the Association Press and I am sure the people on whom you drew for material more than represented any small knowledge that I might have had. I have not heard from Press about their decision on the book, but I certainly hope it will be published.

Members of the Student Movement Staff frequently speak of you and we continue to be aware of your work. It is an inspiration to us all that your vitality does not seem to have diminished and that you are engaged in so many good works.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



R. H. Edwin Espy

RHEE:sz

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to January 2, 1955

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June 29, 1954

Dr. Kirby Page  
Post Office Box 247  
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I have your letters of June 26 and 28.

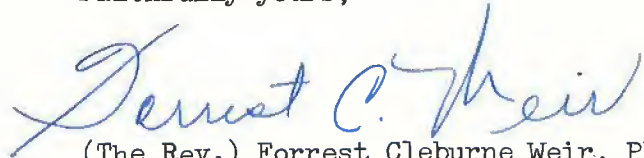
Concerning the folders which are to be mailed to ministers, I think it very important for convenience in processing for it to be of the proper size to fit naturally into one of our bulletin envelopes. I enclose an envelope of the size we use, so that you can see the dimensions of the folder which will fit conveniently therein.

I shall be glad to send, along with a personal letter, copies to the executives in Southern California.

I believe it will be quite all right to list the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches as the address to apply for additional copies of the announcements we send.

With every good wish to you personally, I am

Faithfully yours,



(The Rev.) Forrest Cleburne Weir, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

FCW:wc



Berea, Kentucky  
June 29, 1954

Mr. Kirby Page  
La Harpe, Calif.

my birthday 59

Dear Mr. Page:

I appreciate your answering my letter. Sorry to hear you are in poor health but glad to hear you are acquainted with medical work of Bernth. Day Adventists. Have you read the book "Your Friends the Adventists" by Arthur B. Macfarrell?

The Adventists are the best friends God and man have on this earth. The only people who have taught man to worship and obey God. Others teach people to go to the sun, moon and stars but did not teach them that we must be born again and be sanctified, hide God's word in our hearts and use as a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path.



No one knows the meaning of friendship, who is not interested enough in God and prayer to study the Bible and learn what it teaches about God. Jesus said "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." If ye continue in my (Jesus's) words then are ye my disciples indeed and shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Mulhroiss slaves of Satan and his children because have not continued in Jesus' word.

One weapon God told us to use was "Bond of the Spirit and of God."

Jesus said "It is written my house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. I never found a house of prayer, until I visited in homes, schools, churches of Seventh-Day Adventists and was



past 1/2 century.

Announced called a Christian nation & host of 4 freedoms.

Dear Mr. Page I pray you your family, friends, neighbors enemies will all unite with the Seventh Day Adventists & use all your energy & influence or others to do the same.

Andrew Wilson said "When you have read the Bible you will know it is the Will of God. Cause you will have found it the key to your own heart your own happiness and your own duty."

Adventist only people I have found who seem to have the key to the Bible which opens minds and hearts is those who read.

Many Bibles. Hiram, Patterson, Eddy & Myrtle, Charles Feltman & other cult leaders claimed to



have only key to the Scriptures  
but Satan presented them the  
key to his city <sup>mind</sup> his city  
& they have unlocked all the  
gates & unlocked all the <sup>Scriptures</sup>  
children as Peter <sup>told us</sup>  
they would. It is time to call  
inhabitants of this earth.

The Religion of Prince of Peace  
is our Blessed Hope and all  
sentists only people who have  
given world any hope.

It has told us to trust in  
mortals these words, institutions  
organizations. Mrs. Roosevelt  
said W.H.C. was our best hope  
for peace & most bring one  
seems to believe that Mrs.  
Paddy who said Mind is god.  
She meant her mind & her words  
as did Pops, & all world  
leaders.

Will be so happy to know  
that you are united with us  
in helping spread good news  
of soon return of Prince of Peace.



King & King & tell the good news  
in papers & press. Wife Mild  
Call & tell them you have  
traveled with us.

Billy Graham said we should  
not criticize churches. They should  
know the truth & face it. It is to  
me eternally too late. Buildings  
are not churches. Someone has  
said "The church is not where you  
pray but you who pray."

H. M. B. Richards said: The church  
is not a gallery for exhibition of  
perfect Christians but a school for  
<sup>education</sup> imperfect ones. The church is not a  
rest camp. It is a front line  
trench in the service and warfare  
of God. The church is a bearer of the  
news of salvation. It is an agency  
for blessing the world.

Few have known what true  
Church of God is in Christianity.  
D. D. A. know because know the  
Bible & spent more time in



study & prayer. There are other  
people I know. This is truth  
& facts.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. Mada Mahang



1005 West 28th  
Los Angeles, 7, Calif.  
June 30, 1954

Dear Kirby and Alma:

Many thanks for your gracious and enthusiastic note about our visit to your home on Sunday, July 18.

One detail which I forgot to mention. In an earlier note to Chuck Palmerlee, you had said that Alma would prepare a simple meal at 50¢ per person. Are you sure you want to undertake that task? Alma surely has other things to do besides preparing a lunch for a bunch of hungry students. On the other hand, our students are already getting a bit tired of the daily sack lunches we prepare for them to take to their jobs, and they would probably appreciate a change of cooks.

I just want to make it clear, Kirby, that we could prepare and bring our lunches (either individual lunches or as a big family picnic lunch), and that we do not want to cause you and Alma extra work and inconvenience. But since you yourself mentioned this, I thought it would be best to clear with you and get our "signals" straight.

If Alma wants to plan a simple meal for us, perhaps our students could help her with the work of preparing and serving it.

Whatever you plan or desire will be all right with us. Just let me know so we can plan accordingly.

It is going to be grand to see you again--and especially on your hill-top. And, by the way, what is this I hear about an oil-well on your hill????

Devotedly,

*Paul*